

REMARKS

In this response, the applicant has amended claims 5 and 11, canceled claims 4, 7, 8, 10, 15, 16 and 19 without prejudice or disclaimer thereto, and added new claims 20-29. Support for these amendments can be found in Figures 44-49 and the portion of the specification describing these figures. Support for these amendments can also be found in other parts of the application.

Claim Rejections—35 USC §102

The Examiner has rejected claims 4, 15-16 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Moscovitch (5,687,939). Reconsideration thereof is requested in light of the following: the applicant has canceled 4, 15 and 16 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim Rejections—35 USC §103

The Examiner has rejected claims 7, 8 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moscovitch in view of Haneda et al. (5,900,848). Reconsideration thereof is requested in light of the following: the applicant has canceled 7, 8 and 19 without prejudice or disclaimer.

New Claims

The applicant has added new claims 20-29 that are believed to be patentable.

On page 5 of a previous Office Action dated 5/31/2007, the Examiner wrote that "...the major difference between the teaching of the prior art of record (Smith, Conway et al. and Leveridge et al.) and the instant invention is that at least one of the ends is extendable between a retracted configuration and an extended configuration, thereby varying the distance between the first and second computer displays."

The applicant would like to point out that U.S. Patent No. 5,687,939 to Moscovitch, which is of record, teaches at column 5, lines 9-14 that "The telescopic arm 18 is extended in its horizontal orientation to increase the spacing between the displays 14, 16, and contracted in its vertical orientation to decrease the spacing between the displays 14, 16, effectively accommodating the horizontal elongation of the displays 14, 16."

Patent 5,687,939 does not teach that at least one of the ends is moveable between a first operating position in which the second image is viewable by a first person viewing the first image and a second operating position in which the second image is viewable by a second person opposite the first person viewing the first image (cf. claim 5), or a second support arm including a hinge that allows the second display panel to face away from the first display panel (cf. claim 25).

Conclusion

The applicant believes that all defects pointed out by the Examiner have been corrected and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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